STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

NEW ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS LLC

DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-60 WRU-00-73-3512

ORDER EXTENDING DATE FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

(Issued January 9, 2001)

On October 12, 2000, New Access Communications LLC (New Access) filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), to offer statewide competitive local exchange service in Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-60. New Access made an additional filing requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) grant it waivers of certain rules and regulations. The request for waivers was identified as Docket No. WRU-00-73-3512.

lowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The statute also provides that the Board shall make a determination concerning the application within 90 days, unless the Board determines that additional time is necessary to

consider the application. In that case, the Board may extend the time for making a determination for an additional 60 days.

In the application, New Access states that it gave notice to all affected telecommunications carriers. The application states that a list of those companies served was included in the filing, but the application filed with the Board does not contain the affidavit of service. Additionally, New Access has not provided adequate financial statements. The Board will extend the determination date an additional 60 days to provide additional time to ensure the application is in compliance with lowa statutes and to consider the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Board extends the date for making a determination on the application and waivers filed by New Access Communications LLC from January 10, 2001, to March 12, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms /s/ Susan J. Frye ATTEST: /s/ Judi K. Cooper /s/ Diane Munns Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of January, 2001.